



CATAWBA COUNTY

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CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN AT THE KIDS IN NEED (KIN) FALL FEST

Children ranging from *birth through sixth grade* are invited to put on their Halloween costumes and participate in Catawba County Public Health's Kids In Need Fall Fest on Friday, October 17, 2008 from 5:30 until 7 pm, at Public Health located on 11th Avenue Drive, SE in Hickory behind Catawba Valley Medical Center. Proceeds raised at the event will benefit the Kids In Need (KIN) Fund.

The Catawba County Public Health School Health Team established the KIN Fund in 2000 because so many children could not afford to get needed dental and medical care. This fund assists families in paying for medical care, dental services, and medications for children without insurance who also do not qualify for Medicaid or NC Health Choice. The KIN Fund has helped approximately 350 children receive the health care they need over the past eight years.

The October 17th event will offer parents and children a safe environment to trick or treat, gather health and safety information, and raise money to help other children. There will be music, face painting, refreshments and many other fun activities.

Parents interested in having their children participate in the KIN Fall Fest are encouraged to call 828-695-5893 to register a child and to receive an envelope to collect contributions for the KIN Fund.

Children should not seek contributions from strangers without parental supervision and all efforts to obtain contributions should be made with parental approval and guidance. Parents are encouraged to participate in the fun with their children. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome with a \$5.00 minimum donation to the KIN Fund.

Costumes are welcomed and encouraged; however, they should be age appropriate and non-violent (no blood, no horror, etc).

For more information about the event or to register your children, grandchildren, or children's group, contact Rhonda Stikeleather at 828-695-5893.

"Keeping the Spirit Alive Since 1842!"

